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**From:** Basso, Ray  
**Sent:** Thur 3/21/2013 2:46:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Ana, can you call me on this when you get time. I'm in the office today 212 637 4417. Thanks.

**From:** Ana BAPTISTA [mailto:abaptista@ironboundcc.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:03 AM  
**To:** Basso, Ray; Butler, Elizabeth; Kluesner, Dave  
**Subject:** Fwd: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Hello Ray, Liz, Dave

Please see the emails below from the NJDEP program folks basically telling the City of Newark they cannot remove any Sandy related debris from the river because its a Superfund site - thus an EPA issue. How does floating debris removal have anything to the superfund status of the river? Can you help give us any guidance on this issue and who we should speak to about this?

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**From:** Rich, Damon <[richda@ci.newark.nj.us](mailto:richda@ci.newark.nj.us)>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 20, 2013 at 10:39 PM  
**Subject:** RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13  
**To:** "Kozinski, Jane" <[Jane.Kozinski@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:Jane.Kozinski@dep.state.nj.us)>

Jane, thanks for your response. Does this mean that your program will not address any Sandy-related debris in the lower 17 miles of the Passaic? If so, I am curious as to why Newark is required to have a POC for this program.

We are currently near completion of the second phase of Newark's first riverfront park (more at [www.newarksriver.wordpress.com](http://www.newarksriver.wordpress.com)), and do not have any municipal capacity to remove this unsightly garbage. Unfortunately, to my knowledge, EPA is not actively undertaking any floatable collection at this time.

Any advice you might offer to help us accomplish our goal of banishing this debris would be appreciated.

thank you,

Damon Rich

Newark Waterfront Planner

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**From:** Kozinski, Jane [[Jane.Kozinski@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:Jane.Kozinski@dep.state.nj.us)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 1:21 PM  
**To:** Rich, Damon  
**Subject:** RE: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Damon – I am advised that this debris is within the geographic footprint of the Passaic River Superfund Site. As such, USEPA will have to address it. Debris within areas that are subject to the jurisdiction of a federal agency is outside the scope of the State's waterway debris removal project. We are directing your inquiry to USEPA. Thanks again. Jane Kozinski

**From:** Rich, Damon [<mailto:richda@ci.newark.nj.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 6:53 PM  
**To:** Alexiades, Nickitas; Kozinski, Jane  
**Subject:** Re: NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Hello. What is the procedure for requesting debris removal? Here in Newark, the storm deposited a large accumulation under the Jackson St bridge. Thank you.

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**From:** Alexiades, Nickitas  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 6:46:22 PM  
**To:** [jane.kozinski@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:jane.kozinski@dep.state.nj.us)  
**Subject:** NJDEP - Sandy Wet Debris Removal Update 3-18-13

Attached is the Sandy Wet debris Removal Update for 3-18-13.

On behalf of NJDEP,

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